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Expedited Procedure Requested
Examining Group. 1734

Attorney Docket No. P18214

In re application of : Kaoru ARAI et al.

Serial No. : 09/450,511

Group Art Unit: 1734

Filed : November 30, 1999

Examiner: Melvin Mayes

For : CERAMIC COMPOSITE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- ___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- ___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ___ A Request for Extension of Time.
- ☒ No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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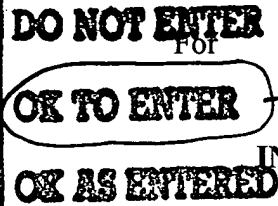
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 10, 2003

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 10, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response May 12, 2003 (May 10, 2003 being a Saturday).

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and government fees associated therewith should not be required. However, if for any reason an extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application, such as an extension of time for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.